GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Relations with China
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of efforts made in the last one year to improve our relations with China;

(b) whether any bilateral issues with China has been resolved in the last two years and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether incursions and infiltrations across Indo-China border have reduced in the last two years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) During the visit of Chinese President Mr. Xi Jinping to India in September 2014, the two sides forged a Closer Developmental Partnership, which was further consolidated during the visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to China in May 2015. This year, Prime Minister Modi met with President Xi on the sidelines of the G-20 Summit in Hangzhou in September 2016 and on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit, which India hosted in Goa in October 2016. During these meetings, various issues of mutual interest and concern were discussed and both sides emphasized the importance of strengthening of bilateral Closer Developmental Partnership.

The two sides have enhanced cooperation in border areas by establishment of more border personnel meeting points and conducting joint military exercises. New dialogue mechanisms in the area of counter-terrorism, including for exchange of information have been initiated. A new bilateral dialogue mechanism to discuss regional and international security issues has also been agreed to. Overall, India-China bilateral relations have developed in diverse areas in the recent years.

India shares a long land border with China in the Indian states of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. Peace and tranquility in the border area has been maintained even though there is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the border areas between India and China. From time to time, on account of differences in the perception of the LAC, situations have arisen on the ground that could have been avoided if we had a common perception of the LAC. Government regularly takes up any transgression along the LAC with the Chinese side through established mechanisms including border personnel meetings, flag meetings, meetings of Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs and diplomatic channels.

The two sides agree that peace and tranquility on the border is the basis for the continued expansion of India-China relations.